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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 16 EA PRESS SUMMARY

### 1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

VN ACCUSES US OF USING UNDERCOVER MIL AGENTS IN THAILAND/  
GREEN BERET TEAMS IN LAOS TO SABOTAGE PEACE IN SEA. W DIP-  
LOMAT SAYS ATTACK APPEARS SETBACK IN US-VN RELS (UPI, NYT).  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK CALLS "PREPOSTEROUS" VN REPORT THAT  
THOUSANDS US MIL PERSONNEL STILL IN THAILAND (REUTER  
BANGKOK).

### 2. KOREA

SUN, ON CBS/TV'S "FACE THE NATION," ATTY GENL BELL INDICATED  
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WANTS SEE KOREAN INFLUENCE-PEDDLING PROBE CONCLUDED ASAP  
(OPPENHEIMER, WSTAR 2/15).

TWO OFFICIALS KOREAN CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION  
PETITION DOJ FOR COURT-APPOINTED TRUSTEE TO MANAGE KCFF'S  
AFFAIRS, STOP "ABUSES" OF ITS MONEY; SAY FOUNDATION'S PRES  
BO HI PAK FALSIFIED BOARD MINUTES TO BORROW MILLION DOLS,  
PURPORTEDLY FOR SK TO BUILD SCHOOL FOR "LITTLE ANGELS"  
DANCE TROUPE. WP INQUIRY ALSO INDICATES PAK USED KCFF TO  
MOVE MONEY FROM SK TO US IN VIOLATION SK CURRENCY RESTRIC-

TRICIONS/IRS REGULATIONS. KCFF OFFICIALS BELIEVE FOUNDATION BEING TAKEN OVER BY REV MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH (BABCOCK, WP). NY ATTY GENL SAYS WILL SEEK COURT ORDER ENJOINING KCFF FROM SOLICITING FUNDS IN STATE (MULLIGAN, NYDN). LA PROMOTER CRITICIZES ROKG FOR REFUSING "LITTLE ANGELS" EXIT PERMITS TO TOUR ABROAD. OFFICIAL STORY IS THAT ROKG CHANGED POLICY TOWARD CHILDREN TRAVELING ABROAD; UNOFFICIAL EXPLANATION IS THAT PARK REGIME DECIDED PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN ITSELF/REV MOON'S CHURCH (BABCOCK).

### 3. CHINA

IN ATTACK ON US-SOVIET DETENTE, NCNA (2/15) WARNED CARTER THAT SOVIETS TRYING LURE HIM INTO TRAP (REUTER PEKING 2/15).

SUN'S WU, IN HK, REPORTS YUNNAN PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP SHAKEUP/APPOINTMENT AN PING-SHENG AS NEW FIRST PARTY SECRETARY. NOTES YUNNAN 3RD PRC PROVINCE TO UNDERGO RE-ORGANIZATION SINCE OUSTER "GANG OF FOUR."

WSTAR (2/15) CARRIES HK REPORT ON YUNNAM LEADERSHIP CHANGES, VIEWS RESHUFFLE AS PART OF PEKING'S EFFORT TIGHTEN CONTROL OVER FACTION-WRACKED PROVINCE.

ACCORDING FEER REPORT, CHINESE INDICATED TO DAVID ROCKE-UNCLASSIFIED

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FELLER DESIRE SETTLE ASSETS ISSUE. IN NY, ROCKEFELLER SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED ONLY THAT ROCKEFELLER HAD MET WITH CARTER/VANCE/BRZEZINSKI FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO PRC/JAPAN (AP, NYT; WP).

WSJ'S SETH LIPSKY (HK) REPORTS DIPLOMATS/US BANKERS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF THAW IN SINO-US BANKING RELS AS RESULT PRIVATE ROCKEFELLER REPORTS THAT PRC WILLING RE-OPEN QUESTION FROZEN ASSETS/PRIVATE CLAIMS. CITES CHASE OFFICIAL AS STATING PRC INDICATED PROBLEM "SOMETHING THAT COULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE FULL NORMALIZATION," AND NOTES AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ALREADY REACHED ON ISSUE.

PRC'S DECEMBER SHIPMENT TO LONDON MARKET OF OVER 80 TONS GOLD, VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY 35 MILLION DOLS AND BIGGEST PRC SHIPMENT TO WEST IN RECENT YEARS, MAY BE FIRST SIGN OF NEW INDUSTRIALIZATION DRIVE (JOHN EVANS FOR REUTER 2/15; ALSO CARRIED CSM).

### 4. CHINA/JAPAN

JAPAN'S TRADE W/PRC FELL 20 PCT BETW '75-'76 TO 3.03 BIL DOLS--1ST DECLINE IN 8 YRS (AP, NYT).

5. JAPAN

GOJ INVESTIGATING CHARGES THAT LOCAL POLITICIANS RECEIVED KICKBACKS IN BOEING 747 SALES TO JAL 5 YRS AGO. SPURRED BY SEC PROBE, KOMEITO OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBER CONTENDS PRICE JAL PAID FOR 5 JETS LESS THAN LIST, W/DIFFERENCE GOING TO POLITICIANS. FON MINISTRY SAID TO HAVE REQUESTED CONFIDENTIAL SEC INFO THRU JAPAN'S EMB. OTHER OFFICIALS DOUBT WHETHER USG WILL OBLIGE; DOS HAS ASKED SEC REFRAIN FROM DISCLOSING IDENTITIES THOSE SUSPECTED OF BEING BOEING'S OVERSEAS AGENTS. JAL/BOEING DENY ALLEGATIONS (WSJ; AP, NYT; CULLISON, JOC; WP).  
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MITI/KEIDANREN ECON MISSION, LED BY FON TRADE COUNCIL PRES MIZUKAMI, TO VISIT FRANCE/BELGIUM 3/5-19 FOR TALKS W/GOVT OFFICIALS/BUSINESS LEADERS IN ATTEMPT ALLEVIATE CURRENT TRADE IMBALANCE BETW JAPAN/EC (CULLISON).

JAPAN'S FON TRADE REGISTERED UNFAVORABLE BALANCE 901 MIL DOLS IN JAN, PRIMARILY DUE INCREASED OIL IMPORTS. ON CUSTOMS-CLEARANCE BASIS, EXPORTS UP 29.9 PCT/IMPORTS UP 17.9 PCT OVER SAME MO LAST YR (UPI JOC, WP).

ALL JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION/REPS FROM 2 LABOR AFFAIRS ORGS OF MNGMENT BEGAN TALKS TUES ON FY'77 LABOR CONTRACT. JAPANESE LABOR SPECIALISTS FORESEE SETTLEMENT BEFORE CURRENT CONTRACTS EXPIRE 3/31; HIGHER WAGE DEMANDS ONLY PRESSING ISSUE (JOC).

BETHLEHEM STEEL CHRMN FOY SAYS SUBSTANTIAL RISES IN STEEL PRICES NEEDED THIS YR. EXPECTS IMPORTS REMAIN AROUND LAST YR'S LEVEL; NOTES JAPANESE MFRS HAVE CUT BACK SOMEWHAT, HOPES THEY ARE "GETTING THE MESSAGE" (FISH, JOC).

JAPANESE SOYBEAN PROCESSORS HAVE GIVEN UP LONG-STANDING PRACTICE SOYBEAN SPECULATION IN CHICAGO MART, DUE HEAVY LOSSES SUFFERED IN VIOLENT PRICE FLUCTUATIONS OF LATE '73/EARLY '74 (UPI, JOC).

LEVINE (CSM) DOES ITEM ON KOTO-PLAYER KIDEKO INOUE, WHO PLANS START LONDON SCHOOL FOR LEARNING TECHNIQUE OF 13-STRING ANCIENT INSTRUMENT.

CSM PRINTS SHORT ARTICLE ON JAPAN'S FLOUNDERING FEMINIST MOVEMENT. INTERVIEWS TAKAGI SAWAKO, FOUNDER "FEMINTERN PRESS," WHO SPEAKS OF INJUSTICES/LAMENTS MOVEMENT'S FRAGMENTATION.

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6. GENERAL

SCHMIDT (CSM) REPORTS US PREPARING ENFORCE 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT. NOTES LAST YR 2700 FISHING VESSELS INCL SHIPS FROM JAPAN/SK/PRC FISHED OFF PAC COAST; THIS YR, FEWER THAN HALF THAT NUMBER EXPECTED, DUE TIGHT RESTRICTIONS, INCL ALLOWING US OBSERVER ABOARD.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. PHILIPPINES

UPI'S LANIAUSKAS (MANILA) FINDS S PHILS CHRISTIAN MAJORITY FRIGHTENED/CONCERNED OVER FUTURE MOSLEM-DOMINATED AREA IF GOVT EFFORTS END 4-YR-OLD REBELLION SUCCEED. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR AUTONOMOUS MOSLEM REGION. CHRISTIAN LEADERS EMPHASIZE NEED FOR PLEBISCITE IN AREA (2/15).

8. JAPAN

FROM TOKYO, NYT'S KAMM FINDS JAPAN CHARACTERIZED BY FEELINGS OF TRANSITION. COUNTRY COMING TO REALIZATION THAT RESOURCES ARE LIMITED/ECON STRENGTH REQUIRES CONCERTING W/OTHER STRONG ECONOMIES OR FACING DISCORD. NEED SENSED FOR COUNTRY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REST OF WORLD, WHICH IN ITS CLIMB UP JAPAN "BRUSHED OFF." BUSINESS LEADER OPINES RECESSION MAY CAUSE REFLECTION ON JAPAN'S INTL POSITION, MAKE IT MORE AWARE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS ECON LEADER.

9. JAPAN/KOREA

SHAPLEN (GLOBE) SEES PRES CARTER'S DECISION START WITHDRAWING REMAINING 40,000 US TROOPS FROM SK AS LOGICAL 1ST MOVE IN WHAT SHOULD BE CONCERTED/COORDINATED NEW EFFORT RESOLVE KOREAN PROBLEM. SAYS NOW REQUIRED IS COMBINATION TACTFUL/BOLD DIPLOMACY TO SIGN PEACE TREATY ENDING WAR, UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE NK/SK RESUME DIALOG, REDUCE NEA TENSIONS. BELIEVES 2ND STEP SHOULD BE US APPROACH TO NK, PROBABLY BEST ARRANGED THRU JAPANESE. NOTES US COMMITTED TO INCLUDING SK IN PEACE TALKS--BUT SEES NO REASON WHY US SHOULD NOT START DIRECT NEGOTS W/NK, LONG AS MAKES CLEAR NO FINAL STEPS WILL BE TAKEN W/O SK CONSULTATION/APPROVAL. SIGNING TREATY SHOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON RESUMPTION NK-SK TALKS. ADMITS WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT IF US TAKES INITIATIVE, BELIEVES CHANCES FINDING SOLUTION NOT ALL THAT BLEAK.  
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